

## ENGLAND IS THREATENED.

### FRANCE DOES NOT APPROVE OF HER EXPEDITION TO DONGOLA.

Minister Berthelot Calls Lord Dufferin's Attention to the Gravity of the Step—Much Excitement in Paris Over This Serious Announcement—Press Comment.

PARIS, March 17.—M. Berthelot, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has called Lord Dufferin, British Ambassador, to the Marquis of Dufferin, British Ambassador, this forenoon, and asked the reasons for Great Britain's sending an expedition to Dongola. He called Lord Dufferin's attention to the gravity of the consequences of such a step.

The *Temps* and *Journal des Debats* join the French press in the expression of opinion. It is generally believed, is simply a move on the part of Great Britain to solidify and make permanent her occupation of Egypt.

LONDON, March 17.—The *Morning Post* will tomorrow publish a despatch from Paris saying that the decision of the British Government to take action in the Sudan expedition has caused great surprise. The painful impression in Government circles has been intensified by the decision, inasmuch as it was hoped that the recent efforts to remove the causes of friction between France and Great Britain would lead to a friendly relations between the two powers. The present decision is likely to embitter the French against the British. The alleged necessity of the expedition is viewed with skepticism. Numerous despatches have been exchanged with the Foreign Office of the European powers, and the British Ambassador, Lord Dufferin, has caused a sensation in the Chamber of Deputies, owing to an allusion to the expedition to Dongola.

A semi-official bulletin, embodying the substance of the interview between M. Berthelot, the Foreign Minister, and Lord Dufferin, the British Ambassador, caused a sensation in the Chamber of Deputies, owing to an allusion to the expedition to Dongola.

The attitude that will ultimately be taken by the Government is not known. A majority of the members of the Chamber of Deputies consider it to be out of the question to push matters to extremes.

The *Standard* Paris correspondent dwells upon the sensation caused by the semi-official bulletin. He says that inquiries lead to the belief that the threat of M. Berthelot to forcibly thwart the expedition was not intended.

The difficulty turns upon obtaining the sanction of the powers to allow the Debt Commissioners to employ Egyptian money for meeting the expenses of the expedition.

The *Standard* says it is of the opinion that France and Russia will refuse to sanction the expedition for this purpose, and that as a result the money will have to be found elsewhere or the expedition abandoned.

The *Daily News* will tomorrow publish a despatch from Paris which, referring to the semi-official bulletin of the interview of M. Berthelot with Lord Dufferin:

"This note, *la Olney*, has aroused strong press enthusiasm. If M. Berthelot should submit a patriotic order of the day to the Chamber of Deputies it would be carried unanimously, no matter what its terms might be.

"The danger of the situation lies in the ignorance of a majority of the Deputies of foreign affairs. M. Berthelot knows more on this subject than the whole Chamber together.

"I believe that his influence will restrain the Deputies.

"I read to think what might happen with a warlike Foreign Minister."

Slavin Pasha, who recently escaped from the Mahdists, who had held him prisoner for several years, will go to Wadi Halfa, where an international department will be provisionally established.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Curzon read the telegram from Lord Curzon, British Diplomatic Agent in Egypt, upon which the Government based its decision to advance upon Dongola. The telegram included the statement that the Sudan was advancing into the Sudan district; that merchants who had made their escape from Berber reported that the dervishes were preparing to attack Murad Wells, and that a large force of Mahdists had left Omdurman for Dongola. The telegram also contained a statement from Lord Curzon at Suakin, in the Red Sea, announcing the renewal of the activity of the Mahdists under Osman Digna and saying that the dervishes were raiding Tokar (fifty miles south of Suakin), and had reappeared at Suakin (forty-three miles southwest of Suakin), and that the Mahdists were in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Curzon said the Italian Government had informed the Government of Great Britain that it views with pleasure the advance of the British expedition upon Dongola, which could be interpreted as an advance to Suakin, and that the Italian Government would be exchanged, he said, in regard to mutual assistance.

The Manchester *Guardian* says it is widely believed that the price of the support given by Austria and Germany to England's remaining in Egypt is Great Britain's consent to Suakin, and that the Italian Government would be exchanged, he said, in regard to mutual assistance.

ROME, March 17.—The Italian press are very enthusiastic over the statement made by Mr. Curzon in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to the British expedition into the Sudan. The *Popolo Romano* says it is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the statement. For the first time, the paper says, the British Government proclaims to Europe her alliance with Italy.

The Government is informed that a large Italian caravan has reached Kassa. It met with no opposition from the dervishes.

BERLIN, March 18.—The Interpellation regarding the Sudan expedition that was to have been presented in the Reichstag by Prince von Arnheim has been indefinitely deferred at the request of the Government.

## CONSOLIDATION DELAYED.

The Republican Fear the Effect Immediate Action May Have in Brooklyn.

ALBANY, March 17.—It is apparent that the Republican leaders in the Assembly are in no hurry to pass the Greater New York bill, which was hurried through the Senate so ostentatiously early last week. It came up to-day in the Assembly, but on motion of Mr. Austin, Chairman of the Committee, it was laid aside until Thursday. It may be passed at that time, but it is more likely that it will be over until next week.

The leaders of the Republican party at this time to challenge the party organization in Brooklyn which has protested against the passage of the bill. If there is any action taken, it will be on the bill. The ultimate passage of the bill is not endangered by the delay. Speaker Fish claims over 100 votes for it out of 150.

## THE SHIPWRECK LAUNCHED.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 17.—The steamer *Shenandoah*, built for the United States Navy, was launched at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

## AGREED TO DIE TOGETHER.

### A German Shoots His Mistress and Himself in a Room in the Menlo Hotel.

Robert Eugene Herman, a German bartender out of employment, accompanied by Lizzie Grater, a handsome, dark-eyed German girl, went to the Menlo Hotel, at Twenty-eighth street and Sixth avenue, on Monday night, and registering as man and wife, took a room on the second floor. The day clerk made several efforts to arouse the couple yesterday.

They found Herman and the young woman lying side by side in bed, partly undressed, with a revolver between them in the right hand of the bartender. They had been dead several hours. There was a bullet wound over the left ear of the girl, and a hole in the right side of Herman.

It was apparent that Herman had shot the girl and then killed himself. Letters scribbled on the detached sheets of a notebook told the story. One of the letters, in German, was addressed to Wilhelm Grater, the girl's brother. He wrote:

"Dear Brother: I am tired of living. I am going away with a young German friend. We have had no luck on this side, but maybe we will on the other. We swore that we would kill ourselves on Monday morning at 3:30 sharp. I could not live without him. That is all I can say. Excuse your sister, Elizabeth."

In another letter to her brother she told him to go to Mrs. Kerr of 150 East 119th street where she had been employed, and get her trunk. In a letter to Mrs. Schick, the wife of a saloon keeper of 305 Eighth avenue, she said:

"Excuse your sister, Elizabeth. I have had a good time. She will never see me any more. I am tired of living. I am going away with a young German friend. We have had no luck on this side, but maybe we will on the other. We swore that we would kill ourselves on Monday morning at 3:30 sharp. I could not live without him. That is all I can say. Excuse your sister, Elizabeth."

In an undressed note to her aunt the girl wrote that she was tired of living. She intended to die with a young German friend, who, like herself, had been unfortunate.

The couple had evidently spent their last money in paying for the room in which they were found. The girl was found in the clothing of either the man or the girl. In the man's coat pocket was found a tinny of the girl, on the girl's wrist was a bracelet of the man's. The girl's name was Lizzie Grater.

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## MILLIONS FOR WAR SHIPS.

### THE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CALL FOR MORE THAN \$30,000,000.

Four First-Class Battle Ships and Fifteen Torpedo Boats the Programme, Despite Speaker Reed's Orders to Save Money—It Is the Biggest Grant Since the War.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The most liberal policy of naval construction yet adopted by Congress since the war was decided upon to-day by the House Naval Committee, when by almost a strict party vote Chairman Boutwell was directed to incorporate in the regular annual appropriation bill provisions for four first-class battle ships of 11,000 tons displacement and fifteen torpedo boats of double the size of any now under construction in this country. But for Speaker Reed's influence with the committee the bill would have contained provisions for six battle ships and twenty-five torpedo boats, but the Republicans, without dissenting, agreed to vote to reduce the original programme, despite the protests of the Democrats, who, with the assistance of one of the majority, succeeded in making the vote seven to six on the final question. Every Democrat on the committee voted for still larger appropriations than those decided upon by Mr. Reed. Mr. Hall of Missouri and Robinson of Pennsylvania being present, it is certain the bill would have dealt even more liberally with the navy. This phase of the Naval bill has been under consideration for several weeks, and has been the only item which prevented an early completion of the measure in committee.

Mr. Reed's opposition to incorporating in the bill provision for more than two battle ships and six torpedo boats was due to his desire to keep down all appropriations. The bill, as it will be reported to the House this week, makes provision for the construction of six battle ships and six torpedo boats, and also for the purchase of six previous Congresses since the war, and the desire to bring the fighting strength of the country on the sea to a more powerful footing is acknowledged to be almost entirely due to the agitation of the past few months regarding possible complications with foreign Governments.

The committee was divided on the question of still further adding to the navy above the provision to-day reported, it is asserted, that the bill will contain. The bill, as it is reported to the House, there will be many supporters of the plan for six or eight battle ships and six torpedo boats. Mr. Reed's orders will be to keep down all appropriations. The bill, as it will be reported to the House this week, makes provision for the construction of six battle ships and six torpedo boats, and also for the purchase of six previous Congresses since the war, and the desire to bring the fighting strength of the country on the sea to a more powerful footing is acknowledged to be almost entirely due to the agitation of the past few months regarding possible complications with foreign Governments.

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## THE WORLD'S FORGERY.

### Spain's Premier Did Not Telegraph to that Effect—Nor Did He Offer an Official Exposed Fraud.

MADRID, March 17.—The reporter of the United Press in this city, having sent to Señor Canovas del Castillo a digest of the Prime Minister's statement as it appeared in the *New York World* of March 7 and circulated by the Chicago Association, has received a copy of the Prime Minister's statement, a copy of the United Press statement, with the request to be informed if they were authentic, advising him at the same time that the *World* claimed that the Prime Minister's statement as it appeared in the *World* was both "accurate and authentic," and that the *World* was the Prime Minister's authorization for the said publication, "the secretary to Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo writes as follows:

"Señor Canovas never telegraphed to the *World*, nor authorized anybody to use his signature. Señor Canovas did not send the message quoted by you. Señor Canovas had an interview with a well-known correspondent of foreign papers, who, it seems, called it to the *World*. Señor Canovas did not read the despatch before it was called, but admits that the statements it contained were accurate, with the exception of small errors easy to correct."

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## OUR ATTITUDE TO CUBA.

### OPPOSITION IN THE SENATE TO INTERVENTION.

Free Willing to Eliminate the Third Resolution from the Conference Report and Thus Win Back the Support of Wavering Colleagues—Mr. Lodge's Dissent.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Senator Frye says there is a strong possibility that the conference report on the Cuban resolutions, now pending in the Senate, will be referred back to the Committee on Conference, with a view to amending the resolutions by striking out the portion which provides for intervention on the part of the United States. Coming from Senator Frye, this statement has more than ordinary significance, for he is one of the most pronounced advocates of a free Cuba. Senator Frye said to-night that he was in favor of eliminating the third resolution, which involves the commercial question, of which so much complaint has been heard, and standing by the two resolutions embracing the original views of the Senate on the subject.

The Committee on Foreign Relations is to hold a meeting to-morrow morning, when probably Senator Sherman, Chairman, will be instructed to move to non-concur in the conference report, with the understanding that the third resolution is to be stricken out. Senator Frye insists that such a course will make the resolutions much stronger. He argues that the elimination of the third resolution would secure the votes of the entire party in the Senate, and that the entire party is now on board the Bermuda, as orders were given for her to await the tug's arrival anywhere between Chatham and Rehoboth, Del. Capt. O'Brien, who left New York in command of the Bermuda, will probably be displaced by Capt. Hughes.

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